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(b) whether Government have decided to depute a Judge of the High Court or any other competent judicial officer who is both capable and quick in the disposal of cases to inspect mufassal courts

A.—(a) The Proceedings of the Legislative Council referred to by the hon Member have been communicated to the High Court.

(b) The Government have recognized the necessity for inspection of mufassal courts by Judges of the High Court Owing to arrears of work in the High Court, there appears to be no possibility of such inspection being undertaken for the present.

Forests

Levy of penning fee in the forest districts of Kurnool.

* 430 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether inquiries have been instituted in regard to the levy of the penning fee of eight annas per cattle in addition to the grazing fee of eight annas in the forest districts of Kurnool; and

(b) if such inquiries have been instituted, what action the Government propose to take to mitigate the hardships of the ryots?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—"May I know whether Government is considering this question only with reference to Kurnool or with reference to other districts also?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Only with reference to Kurnool."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—"May I know whether they will consider it with reference to the other districts also?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar:—"I shall consider the question."

Reservation of additional blocks of forests in Rampa.

* 431 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) at what stage the proposals for the reservation of the additional blocks of forests in Rampa now are; and

(b) whether objections have been invited to the proposed reservation and if so, when and with what result?

A.—(a) The preliminary survey has been ordered of certain blocks in order that they may be notified for enquiry and settlement as reserved forests under the Forest Act.

(b) The Forest Act provides for the giving of notices, and enquiry into, and decision of, claims and objections. That stage has not yet been reached.

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Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know if this survey has been undertaken ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" It has not yet been undertaken."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know with regard to the answer to clause (*b*), whether notice of objection will be given ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Certainly."

Details of the staff appointed for experiments in Anaimalai forests.

*432 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state, with reference to the debates on my motion for the reduction of the allotment for certain experiments in the Anaimalai forests on 28th March 1928—

(*a*) the details of the staff sanctioned and appointed with their salaries and nationality, caste, religion and qualifications of the several members of the staff ; and

(*b*) whether any member of the staff has been sent for training and if so, where ?

A.—The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Will the hon. the Law Member give us some idea of the staff and of the work they will be engaged in ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Conclusions have not been arrived at."

Marine

Establishment of a Port Conservancy Board at Mangalore.

*433 Q.—Mr J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) at whose request, under what circumstances and for what reasons a Conservancy Board has been established at Mangalore ;

(*b*) whether Port Conservancy Boards and the Landing and Shipping Fees Committees are statutory bodies ;

(*c*) what differences have been discovered as to functions and powers between a Landing and Shipping Fees Committee and a Conservancy Board ; and

(*d*) whether Government have any proposals before them for placing such Committees and Boards on a statutory and legal basis and if so, when legislation will be introduced therefor ?

A.—(*a*) A Port Conservancy Board was established at Mangalore in 1927 on the suggestion of the Presidency Port Officer. The Collector of South Kanara and the Landing and Shipping Fees Committee then existing at the port also agreed to the proposal. The Board was established because a Port Conservancy Board has more authority over the affairs of the port, than a Landing and Shipping Fees Committee.

(*b*) No.